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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a very happy new Sonic fiber optic customer. I am receiving faster internet service, phone, and streaming media all for a third of the price I was paying for a Comcast bundled service.

Before Sonic laid fiber optic in my neighborhood I had very few competitive options for internet service. New competitors, like Sonic, cannot compete with established providers without having wholesale access to the copper-wire phone infrastructure that supports their initial broadband services and provides funding for fiber optic expansion.

I urge you not to repeal the rule under the 1996 Telecommunications Act that allows competing phone and internet companies to lease copper wire infrastructure at a regulated price.

Don't let the telecom industry giants choke off competition from local internet service providers. Please keep this provision of the 1996 Telecommunications Act in force.

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